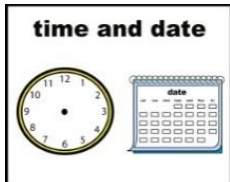


Minutes

Annual General Meeting 2022 - 2023



Started: 11am

Saturday 14th October



Pyramid Studio (Unit 3, 18 Croydon Street, LS11 9RT)

(With hybrid access via Zoom meeting)



1. Welcome / introduction

James Hill (Director) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He explained that the Visioning Group had helped to organise this year's AGM.

We reminded everyone that an AGM is a meeting for trustees, legal members and other people who are interested to review Pyramid's activities.

The purpose of the meeting is to check that Pyramid is doing what it is supposed to, and spending its funding (money) correctly.



2. Trustees and leadership

Liz Axten, Mindy Goose and Gill Crawshaw had been co-opted to the Board during the year and were approved as Trustees by the membership.



Ros Lehany announced her resignation from the Board, and was thanked for the many years of support she had given Pyramid.

Liam Hirst was appointed as the new Chair of the Board.



3. Finance

Di Hart presented the easy-read version of our accounts for 2022-23.

Sarah Cockburn reminded everyone that they could ask the office staff for a copy of the full accounts.

James Hill provided a detailed statement on Pyramid's current financial position. He explained the accounts in more details and highlighted the charity's current financial challenges.

Pyramid staff were responding to the challenges by:

- Applying for new funding as soon as it was made available from funders.
- Restoring and increasing membership income by recruiting new members.
- Seeking donations large and small!
- A team of Pyramid artists have set up a working fundraising team. They have started to organise fundraising events, including arts markets and film screenings.

The 2022-23 accounts were accepted by a show of hands.

Pete O'Hara was nominated to continue as our Accountant and Independent Examiner. This was approved by a show of hands.



4. Activity Report (April 2022- March 2023)

The Activity Report featured some photos and artwork of projects that happened April 2022-March 2023. Guests at the meeting spoke about the projects they had been involved in.



James Hill thanked the partners and funders, the trustees and the team of freelance artists and volunteers for their continued hard work. He also thanked our members, the amazing artists with learning disabilities and autism that continue to make great art work!

Sarah Cockburn asked people to vote on whether the Activity Report 2022-23 fitted with Pyramid's Charitable Objectives by raising their hands. This was approved.

All charities must have governing document, which includes all the rules that the charity must follow. Pyramid's governing document and charitable objectives are available for everyone to read on the Pyramid website, or by asking staff for a copy.



5. Visioning Group

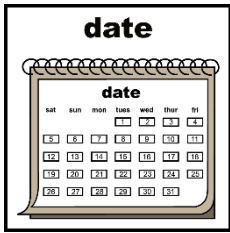
Members of the Pyramid Visioning Group introduced themselves.

The group meet on a Tuesday afternoon (term-time only) at the Pyramid Office, 1-3pm, to think creatively about Pyramids future and in particular about how the charity can be more member led.

The Visioning Group presented the draft Pyramid Plan 2024-2028. They have created this together during their weekly sessions and it talks about Pyramid's vision and mission for the coming years.

The Visioning Group welcomed feedback on the draft Pyramid Plan. They asked people to respond to the plan by drawing and writing onto wooden jigsaw pieces and/ or making a miniature Pyramite (a model of a person involved in Pyramid). The Pyramites and jigsaw pieces will be added to the Visioning Wall in the Pyramid studio, which will stay up for a term for people to add their thoughts and ideas to.

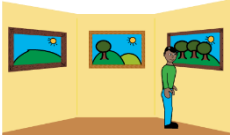
James Hill encouraged anyone who wants to help shape Pyramid's future to consider joining the Visioning Group. Contact the office team for info.



Some upcoming events / projects to look out for are:

September 2023 – January 2024

Any work that wanted doing exhibition at Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills



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Alfie Fox, Access Cloaks at Leeds City Museum, Hyde Park Picture House, The Carriage Works Theatre and Leeds Industrial Museum at Armley Mills.

Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 November

Pyramid at Thought Bubble Festival

Saturday 25 November, 11am-3pm

Pyramid Festive Art Market @ Pyramid Studio

Meeting closed: 1.05pm